

House File 405 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to providing weapons or ammunition to minors,
2 and providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.22, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. If a person violates subsection 1 or 2
4 by selling, loaning, giving, or making available a weapon or
5 ammunition described in subsection 1 or 2, to a minor, and the
6 minor subsequently commits a public offense with that weapon or
7 ammunition, the person commits a class "D" felony.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill relates to providing weapons or ammunition to
12 minors.

13 The bill provides that a person who violates Code section
14 724.22(1) or (2) by selling, loaning, giving, or making
15 available a weapon (rifle, shotgun, pistol, or revolver) or
16 ammunition as described in Code section 724.22(1) or (2), to
17 a minor, and the minor subsequently commits a public offense
18 with that weapon or ammunition, the person commits a class "D"
19 felony. Under current law, if a person sells, loans, gives,
20 or makes available a weapon or ammunition described in Code
21 section 724.22(1) or (2), to a minor, the person commits a
22 serious misdemeanor for a first offense and a class "D" felony
23 for any second and subsequent offense.

24 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more
25 than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than
26 \$7,500.